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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with AECASSOWARY/2 in Washington,  
13 April 1965

1. A/2 was requested to come to Washington to meet with [ ] and me to discuss the recent developments in the AECASSOWARY relationship with Roxanne SMYSHKEVYCH, and also [ ] debriefing of her regarding documents she obtained during her stay in the Soviet Union. According to A/2, during a meeting Roxanne had with A/26 one evening last week, she turned over to him additional documents received in parcels she mailed from the Soviet Union. During this meeting Roxanne was her usual amiable self and gave no indication of other than complete trust in A/26 and his group. At approximately 10 p.m., the same evening Roxanne telephoned A/26 saying she would like him to meet her the following morning before he reports to AEBEEHIVE and bring with him the documents she had turned over to him that evening. She said she had received a telephone call from Washington about 7:05 (immediately following her meeting with A/26) and that she was instructed to meet with her superior from the USIA and with other individuals in Washington, D. C. She told A/26 she wanted to discuss with him what to tell the USIA people and how to conduct herself during any interview she would have. A/26 decided to meet with her immediately so that he would not have to make the trip to her home in New Jersey the following morning. He took the documents and drove to her home. As soon as he handed the documents to Roxanne, she took them upstairs, came back down without them and told A/26 he could not have them back, that she wanted to look them over and be prepared for any questioning in Washington. She told him that she was disturbed about the fact that the Symonenko poetry and diary had been published, and that A/2 had no right to publish any of the material, that she felt responsible for the documents and wanted A/26 to bring back all the other documents which had been turned over to him in the past.

A/26 and A/2 were baffled by Roxanne's change in attitude and became concerned as to what she might do with the documents. A/2 felt that even though it might be true that USIA had telephoned her after her meeting with A/26, she might have had another telephone call from an unfriendly source who might have threatened her in some way and that she may be involved in a provocation about which she is afraid to talk. All known possibilities were considered and discussed. It was decided that it was most likely that she became anxious about being involved in something which might delay (or even rule out) the emigration of her newly acquired husband. (Roxanne married a Ukrainian living in Poland during her last visit there. This will be dis-

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cussed in the report of debriefing by [ ] A/2 was not aware of the marriage until told about it by us at this meeting.) A/2 recalled the recent arrival to the New York area of a Ukrainian emigre and his wife who he believes is the sister of Roxanne's husband. A/2 said he had been approached by other individuals on behalf of the man asking that AEBEEHIVE employ the man who is seeking employment. The couple reportedly had taught at Monterrey in California but came east for reasons of the wife's health. A/2 will try to get additional details on the couple and traces will be made on Roxanne's husband in an effort to determine if there can be any provocation here. Other provocations were considered such as the possibility that Vitaliy KOROTYCH (now in Canada) telephoned Roxanne and warned her not to permit the exploitation of any material obtained by her in the Soviet Union.

During Bob's last meeting with Roxanne it was agreed she would ask A/26 for the return of the balance of the documents held by AEBEEHIVE and that she would turn them over to us for our study. A/2 informed us that he would not permit the documents to be returned to her because they were not given to her for her personal use, that they were political nationalist documents given to her to be delivered to a Ukrainian political group, and that he (A/2) feels responsible for seeing that these documents not fall into the hands of irresponsible individuals. Since Roxanne accepted money from A/26 for her contact operations and since she used books given her by AEBEEHIVE to help her gain access to Soviet Ukrainian literary individuals, A/2 felt she was obligated to turn over to them any documents of political significance acquired by her. It was agreed that when Roxanne asked for the return of the documents A/26 would refuse to return them to her and that he was to suggest that she come to New York to meet with A/2 to talk about the documents. She was to be told that if anyone in Washington wanted to see the documents, A/2 would willingly show them and discuss them with any government representative. [ ] in turn, after she reports to him A/2's refusal to return the documents, will tell her not to be concerned and that with her permission he would call on A/2 and ask to see the documents.

Roxanne promised during her meeting with Bob that she would telephone him later during the week to agree on a meeting time in New York when she could turn over all the documents to him. It was decided that we would keep A/2 informed of developments, and he is to keep us informed about developments on their end.

One of the documents Roxanne was particularly anxious to have returned by A/26 is a small piece of paper containing the following information. She said she wants this document

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destroyed.

a. In Peremyshl'any 50 people were imprisoned and the leader of the group executed for trying to form a peasants party.

b. The prisoners are special isolation prisons in Vladimir by Klasma and in Yavozhno.

c. Of the OUN leaders, the following are still alive:

- (1) V. KUK, living in Kiev where he is an adviser to the KGB on Ukrainian liberation activities;
- (2) Petro DUZHEY in Krivoy Rog;
- (3) STEPANYAK in the village Obohorochan.

2. A/2 read a letter he had received from A/29 in which the latter states the translation of Judaism Without Embellishment was at the printers (Ukrains'ke Slovo), typesetting was commencing 12 April. A/29 wrote that he would be leaving for Rome about 13 April, or as soon as he had obtained a signed contract from the printers to the effect that the book would be ready for mailing not later than 15 May and possibly by 30 April. He plans to return to New York about 21 April, possibly stopping off in Munich and Belgium. [ ] have not been notified that A/29 would be in their areas because the dates and even his visits in those areas were so uncertain. No station contact would be required.

3. Bohdan KRAWCIW reported to A/2 that Ludmilla IVCHENKO-KOVALENKO (who is or was with VOA) gave to A. Dragan, editor of Svoboda, two thick notebooks of poetry written by a Soviet Ukrainian who signed himself KOROLENKO. IVCHENKO had with her a letter written in Russian to the effect that these were to be given to a Ukrainian publisher. Dragan had the poetry photostated and returned to IVCHENKO the originals. The poetry is nationalist in content and somewhat Shevchenkovian in style, i.e., cursing God and the people and then singing their praises. A/2 said AEBEEHIVE would not consider them good enough for publication. Svoboda, however, plans to publish the poetry. It is believed Michael TERPAK, head of the Ukrainian desk of the VOA, does not know that IVCHENKO has the originals of this poetry. It is not known how she obtained the manuscript.

4. Roxanne visited ANTONENKO-DAVIDOVYCH, A Soviet Ukrainian writer about 60 years of age, when she was in the Ukraine. ANTONENKO-DAVIDOVYCH was imprisoned under Stalin and his works forbidden. After his release following WWII he wrote one book

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part of which was reprinted in Svoboda. ANTONENKO told Roxanne he wanted to give her one of his books to take to D. Humena, a Ukrainian writer, who now lives in the United States but he did not have even one book. During a conversation in ANTONENKO's home in which SVITLICHNY and SVERSTYUK took part the conflict with China was discussed. One of these present said that it was important for Ukrainians to take advantage of the existing conflict, that so long as there is conflict between the Chinese and the Russians there would be less pressures on Ukrainians. And more concessions could be obtained from Moscow. Mention was made of an illegal group of Soviet Ukrainians which went to China. Roxanne had no other details but said that those present talked about it as a very secret matter. They said a similar group of Ukrainian from the West should go to China.

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